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WHAT NOW?

By Roy G. Owens, Engineer-Economist

EMPLOYMENT DEPENDS ON SPENDING—BEVERIDGE

Cradle to Grave William Beveridge makes another report to the British. This one is titled "Full Employment in a Free Society" (Published Feb. 26 by W. W. Norton and Company.).

In it Sir William states—"employment depends on outlay (spending)" "full employment cannot be attained unless outlay is sufficient to set up a demand for the whole of the labor that is available for employment"—"no private enterprise can make finance its servant rather than its master—"adoption of a national policy of full employment means a revolution in national finances"—"the central proposition of this report is that the responsibility of ensuring at all times outlay (spending) sufficient in total to employ all the available manpower in Britain should formally be placed by the people of Britain upon the state" —"that first and foremost is what is meant by adopting a national policy of full employment."

Sir William explains that full employment means a new type of national budget in England. Senator Murray proposes a new type of national budget for the United States (Senate Bill 380)—Full Employment Act of 1945.

Sir William says the responsibility of ensuring a total spending sufficient to provide full employment should be placed upon government. The republican candidate Dewey said substantially the same. So did democratic New Dealer Roosevelt.

But no authority on this side of the Atlantic has as yet been sufficiently unafraid—at least in public—to speak it out in unmistakable language—that full employment as a national policy means a "revolution" in national finance. Are the English less timid than we?

If it is so that full employment means a revolution in national finance—and it appears at first glance that Sir William is probably correct—then the protagonists for full employment in the United States should be invited to lay their cards on the table face up so that the public can take a look at what their idea of a revolution in national finance is like.

Some of us may doubt whether even a revolution in national finance can unlimber either a spending rate or a spending colume that would add up to full employment. In any case—with republicans and democrats and New Dealers and farm organizations and organized labor and many others all urging full employment—this is no time to be playing with a joker like revolutionary finance up somebody's sleeve. Let's out with it.

Sir William also drops another block buster. He says—"no private enterprise can survey the whole field of industry or ensure at all times a demand for all that industry can produce at a price covering its costs."

If that is true, then it leads to a question—if private enterprise cannot create a demand for all that private enterprise can produce at a price covering its costs—then how can such a cost covering demand be created by government or other authority merely by financing full employment—for is it not axiomatic—that at a given output of production per person employed and regardless of the identity of the employer—the more people employed the more they will produce?

How do we create a demand (a buying power) for all that can be produced—at a price covering costs? If private enterprise cannot make finance its servant rather than its master, can government do it? How? Let's see all the cards including the joker.

COURT OF HONOR

Lynne Kelly, district advancement chairman of the scout council here, announced yesterday that a court of honor will be held Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the James S. Hennessy School for Grass Valley troops.

Harry Poole, district commissioner, and Clay Caldwell, neighborhood commissioner will assist. Robert H. Frank scout executive, will be present.

FRANCE HONORS THIRD DIVISION OF PATCH'S ARMY

With the Third Infantry Division of Seventh Army in France — The Third Infantry Division of Lt. Gen. Alexander M. Patch's Seventh Army recently became not only the first American division to be cited by the French government during World War II, but also the first division authorized to wear the coveted "fourragere" French military cord of honor.

In an impressive and colorful ceremony in the newly liberated city of Colmar, with high ranking officers of the American and French armies looking on, General de Lattre de Tassigny, commander in chief of the 1st French Army, read the French government's citation and pinned the red and green cord to the division's colors. Then General de Tassigny presented the fourrage to Major Gen. John W. O'Daniel the Third's comcander who was also made an honorary private first class in the French Foreign Legion.

General Charles de Gaulle, who ordered the citations, paid, tribute to the way the division carried on the splendid tradition of courage that earned it the nickname (in the World War I) of "Rock of the Marne." He went on with high praise for the "great leadership of the gallant chief, General O'Daniel."

The French leader recalled that the division had just completed more than, 180 days of combat from the shores of the Mediterranean to the banks of the Rhine. During the last phase of action, the second time the Third has driven to the border of Germany, the division was under the command of the First French Army.

In particular, the actions of the division in effecting the annihilation of the German Colmar pocket were noted. From the jump off when the division crossed the Fecht and Ill Rivers, "they continued to drive relentlessly in spite of snow and every other obstacle." The events of the crossing of the Colmar Canal and the taking of the fortress city of Neuf Brisach which cut the northern route of the nizas were particularly noted.

Every man in the Third Division will be allowed to wear the decoration of the fourrage following official recognition of the award by the War Depaartment in Washington.

In addition to the division being honored, Brig. Gens. Robert N. Young, assistant division commander from Bethseda, Mr. and William T. Sexton division artillery commander from Leavenworth, Kansas, were awarded the degree of officer of the Legion of Honor and the Croix de Guerre with Palm by Gen. de Tassigny.

MOTHER OF TEN IS SUMMONED

Funeral services are pending with Holmes Funeral Home for Mrs. Bertha Malcolm who passed away in Richmond Sunday morning, who had been in poor health for the past two years. The services will be held in Nevada City.

Mrs. Malcolm was 69 years old, a native of Missouri. She is mourned by ten children. They are Guy C. Malcolm of Redding, Mrs. May Martin of Colorado, Charles W., Crchie C. and James Malcolm and Mrs. C. Shroyer, all of Nevada City, Mrs. Elmer Spencer of Colorado, Mrs. A. L. Ball of Chicago, Mrs. George Jeremiasen and Gifford Malcolm of Richmond, 25 grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Mrs. Malcolm was the widow of the late Milan T. Malcolm, who died four years ago, almost to the day.

BERGGREN JEWELER IN NEW LOCATION SOON

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Berggren popular and well known jewelers who have been in business in Nevada City the past ten years, have rented a new location for their jewelry store from Bank of America and expect to move April first. They are moving from Pine street and will locate in the sunny store adjoining the Bank of America in the center of the local business district. Mr. and Mrs. Berggren came to Nevada City from Southern California and are prominent in civic and lodge circles.

HELEN CHAPMAN UNDER FIRE AT WESTERN FRONT

Dr. C. W. Chapman has just recently a communication from Col. Albert H. Peyton, combat observer with the XIX Corps, who witnessed the shelling and evacuation of a building in which 30 American Red Cross girls of a clubmobile unit were quartered, among them his daughter Miss Helen Chapman, formerly a teacher in the Nevada City high school.

The incident took place in November, but was only recently released by army censorship. The colonel writes:

"The Germans shelled a town in Holland with long range artillery, undoubtedly a railway gun of 280mm calibre at 10:30 p. m. While an informal meeting was being held in the hotel dining room a shell hit the building. Lieut. Col. George H. Goodwin, special service officer, promptly led the girls to another hotel. There they were loaned clothing and blankets, as they were clothed only in pajamas, robes and house slippers. After they left another shell hit the hotel they had evacuated.

"It was a trying situation but there was no complaining, no confusion, no hysteria and no evidence of fear. The girls laughed, joked and kidded each other. After 20 rounds in two and a half hours the shelling ceased. In the morning the girls hastily gathered their belongings, sharing clothing when necessary, and were right on the job as usual.

"Watching the behavior of these American girls we felt a great surge of pride. They are a great help. They take doughnuts and coffee as far forward as commanders will allow them to go."

COLFAX YOUTH WINS LIONS CLUB HONOR

Leland Harris, representing the Colfax Lions Club, was winner Thursday night in the North Donner Zone elimination contest for the best presentation of the subject, What My Parents Mean To Me, sponsored by the Lions Clubs of this area, as a part of its annual national competition.

Young Harris, a student in the Placer Union high school who resides at Colfax will seill have several hurdles to leap before he wins the state championship in the Lions Clubs foensic tourney.

Second place in the speaking contest went to Lorelei Brewer, of Auburn, third to Eleanor Heldstab of Downieville, Sierra County, and 4th to Stuart Handmaker of Grass Valley.

Judges of last evening's speakers were Lieut. Clyde Cahey, of the educational department of DeWitt General Hospital, Walter A. Carlson, Nevada County superintendent of schools and Vernon Semple office manager of the Auburn Lumber Company of Colfax. Present at the meeting were Lions from Downieville, Colfax, Auburn and Grass Valley.

ESTATE OF ALBERT E. ABRAHAM

A petition for appointment as administrator of the estate of Albert E. Abraham, who died intestate February 6th was filed with the county clerk yesterday by his son, Albert W. Abraham.

The decedent for many years proprietor of a meat market in Grass Valley, according to the petition, left cash, personal property and real estate amounting to $6,300 in value. Heirs listed besides the son are his widow, Mrs. Lettie Abraham and a daughter, Mrs. Adeline G. Andrews of Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lively of Camptonville visited Judge and Mrs. Miles Coughlin and attended to business affairs here the latter part of the week.

S. F. CHAMBER SAYS WAIT ON HEALTH MEASURE

The San Francisco chamber of commerce board of directors has approved a special committee's recommendation that the chamber urge the state legislature to continue its efforts to arrive at a sound plan of health insurance.

The committee specified in its recommendation that the plan be fair and equitable to the public, the employee, the employer and the medical profession, and that the chamber reserve the right to pass judgment on the principles involved in the final proposal.

Following is the statement of the committee:

The committee believes that a prepaid health insurance plan is desirable and that there is a social need in the health field which will not be met by voluntary insurance.

However after studying the salient provisions of the various so-called health insurance bills, listening to proponents and opponents of these bills, and protracted deliberation the social committee, appointed by you to consider the subject, concluded that, in its opinion there is question as to.

1—Financial soundness of the plans so far presented with respect to breadth of coverage, type of services and benefits conferred:

2—Whether or not California industries will be penalized in competition with those of other states if the health insurance legislation and the tax to finance it is adopted. This is of the utmost importance inasmuch as ti is the committees belief that jobs, particularly in California during the coming period of reconversion are the No. 1 consideration in any social security legislation. Any tax ultimately and inevitably reflects itself in the cost of goods produced.

Attention was called by the chairman of the committee eo the following points which bear on the subject and were discussed at some length in both meetings of the committee.

First, if a compulsory health insurance plan were adopted by California it would be the first state in the Union to take such action. Consequently whatever is done along these lines at this time can be considered in substantial measure a pioneering job. It was the general feeling that inasmuch as there are but few reliable guide posts as to the probable result from operation on the state wide basis of a compulsory health insurance plan, any legislation should err on the conservative side with a view to increasing the coverage, types of services and benefits conferred when as and if experience justifies.

Secondly, it should be understood by all interested parties that the word "compulsory" as used in connection with health insurance refers only to pre-payment of premium and has nothing to do with the use of the professional services to be rendered. In this respect it is like any other tax which is uniformly appplied.

MAJOR CHAPMAN COMMANDS 1ST BATTALION

After recovering from wounds suffered in battle in the vicinity of Rome, Major Warren Chapman, son of Dr. C. W. Chapman of this city, has been assigned to the command of the 1st Battalion, in General Mark Clark's Army in Italy. Major Chapman writes that the 1st Battalion was the first contingent of American soldiers to cross the Atlantic following the declaration of war against Germany.

Major Chapman is a graduate of the Nevada City high school and of the Military Academy at West Point.

Mrs. Annie Browning is making improvement in her severe illness. Her daughter in law Mrs. Fred Browning is staying with her for a time.

SNOW PACK IS BELOW NORMAL

Ranger Warren Barnes of Big Bend on the Tahoe national forest reports that snow pack conditions are below normal in the high Sierras this month. A recent bulletin issued by the California State Division of Water Resources indicates that as of March 1, the snow pack for the state as a whole was 15% below normal. The pack above 8000 feet elevation is 95% of normal with snow below 8000 being only 75% normal. Precipitaeion over most of the watersheds of the state has been normal or above normal, much having fallen in the form of rain. As a result most foothill reservoirs have an adequate supply of water on hand.

The snow pack measured by the forest service March 1 at the Huysink course south of Cisco was 89 inches. Ranger Barnes said that this pack had a water contene of 32 inches which is only 61% of normal. Lst year at the same time this course measured some 122 inches of snow with a water content of 42 inches.

At the end of March complete measurements of all snow courses in the state will be made and it is from these measurements that estimates of spring run off are made, explains Barnes. At this time a total of six courses or measured by members of the Tahoe national forest on the American river watershed. This envolves a trip of some 30 miles from Soda Springs into the Middle Fork of the American at French Meadows.

CANNING UNIT MAY BE LOANED TO NEVADA CITY

Provided there is sufficient need and interest, people of the Nevada City area may have the use of an efficient steam canning unit this summer. Explained briefly, this program is one proposed by the State Bureau of Agricultural Education eo encourage the production, conservation and processing of food for family use through the use of a safe steam pressure canning method. Approximately $1500 worth of equipment consisting of steam boiler, four burner gas ranges, retorts, can sealers, blanching vats, sinks, work tables, etc., can be loaned free to the community. State certified and trained personnel will supervise and operate the technical machinery and give the people training in using the equpiment.

Experience of the cannery centers throughout Northern California indicates that the complete cost to persons making use of the units is between six and eight cents per 2 1-2 size can. This includes everything needed in the process excepting the food to be canned. Vegetables, fruit, meats, fish and vegetable juices and wild game can be safely and efficiently processed.

A suitable building will be selected to house the cannery unit should local interest warrant the installation. A questionnaire is now being sent out through the school children and anyone interested in seeing this program instituted should immediately complete a questionnaire form. Anyone interested further in the project may call Nevada City 120.

FRED ROEHNERT BORNE TO REST

Funeral services were held Friday in Grass Valley in the Hooper and Weaver Mortuary for Fred Roehnert with Rev. Patrick O'Reilly in charge. Interment was in the Elm Ridge Cemetery and the Grass Valley Lodge of Elks conducted graveside services.

Roehnert died in a local hospital Wednesday morning. For 38 years he had conducted a cigar and tobacco business on Mill at Main Street. For many years he manufactured his own cigars. He was affiliated with the Grass Valley Elks Lodge in 1910.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Bertha Calhoun, and a niece, Miss Barbara Roehnert, both of Oakland.

SOLDIER TELLS OF BIG SHOW IN PHILIPPINES

From somewhere in the Philippine Islands, Pfc. John F. Wall has written his uncle and aunt, Mr and Mrs. Ed Addington, of this city. He states he was aboard ship on Christmas Day and since making a beach landing on the Philippines, Christmas packages are still coming in.

"Since we landed," he writes, "we have been giving the Japs a bad time, but not without some retaliation on their part. I have been in a big show during the last couple of months and it is still going strong. I saw a submarine sunk by a destroyer. Have seen Jap planes shot down and dog fights between our planes and Japs. I saw a Jap plane in a suicide dive. Saw naval guns shelling beach to prepare for a landing. Then the spectacle of a gigantic amphibious landing. Then nights in a fox hole with the sky filled with antiaircraft fire and enemy planes, the flak raining down and the delayed AA shells bursting around. Then other nights with Jap "daisy cutters" spraying us with shrapnel. I have slept with my clothes on for over a month and always in or along side foxholes. As I told my buddies, I'll dig a ditch clear across this island if it will get me home in one piece.

"It makes me feel that the discomfort is justified when I drive through a liberated town and the natives are crowding the streets by their demolished homes, cheering and throwing flowers, fruit, vegetables and even eggs at us. One fellow after failing to catch an egg, wiped it off his face and said: "I don't know whether they are throwing at me, or for me. The main crops out here seem to be rice and children."

VETERAN OF TWO WARS BILLETED ON SAME FAMILY

Chief Warrant Officer Charles Turner Howland, who, with his family, lived on Piety Hill here, while stationed at Camp Beale, according to press dispatches received by his friends, has been billeted in the same French home in this war, in which he was assigned in World War I.

In 1917, Howland, then a sergeant in the 114th Machine Gun Battalion, was billeted with a French family in a small town near the German border. He wrote his wife recently that his outfit passed through the same village recently in pursuit of the Germans and that again he was billeted with the same family. They were still there. The only member who had forgotten him was the youngest daughter, then four years old now the mother of two sons much taller then herself.

Clippings from the local French newspaper which gave a column of space to the unusual incident, were forwarded by his wife, now in Tennesee, to friends in this city.

Grass Valley Firemen To Get New Truck

The Grass Valley council has authorized the city's fire department to proceed in obtaining new equipment of the type needed to bring the fire fighting appartus up to the best standard. This action followed the report of Fire Chief Claire Hughes that the old Eagle engine, in its 20th years of service is beginning to give the firemen much trouble.

Chief Hughes said that they wanted a new piece of equipment, a fire truck with a 500 gallon tank, a heavy duty pump to exert 400 pounds pressure, 360 feet of smaller hose and longer extension ladders.

The council ordered the official proclamation for the municipal election May 7th to be published. Candidates for city offices must file their nominating petitions between March 23rd and April 7th with the city clerk.

Mrs. Joe Farnsworth of Boulder Street who has been quite ill the past two weeks able to be up and about.

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FARM COUNTIES CAN AID

Thousands of suggestions have poured into San Francisco to have Northern and Central California share in the hospitality and welcome for the delegates to the United Nations conference begenning April 25. Of these, few if any have been more appropriate than that the region supply the hotel rooms of each delegate with fruits and flowers grown in this area.

The counties north of the Tehachapi are the greatest fruit and flower raising districts in the country, with an unending variety of the finest products, "out of season" elsewhere in America.

Imagine the delight of a delegate from the prewar flower-growing districts of France or Holland finding on his bedside table a vase of California flowers with a card reading: "Compliments of Alameda County." Or a delegate from the orchard regions of Russia or Greece discovering a bowl of fresh oranges, cherries or peaches, each grown in a different neaby county. Neither would ever forget such evidence of the diversified fertility of our state—nor the friendliness of its citizens.

If this suggestion appeals to producers in any California county, they should get in touch with the state department in San Francisco, or with the San Francisco officails who have the reception of the delegates and their staffs in charge.

Mayor Lapham of San Francisco has repeatedly said that the United Nations conference will be not an exclusively San Francisco event, but an all-California event, and this would be one way of making it so.—Contributed.

ALL CALIFORNIA IS THE HOST

Preliminary arrangements for the big conference of the United Nations in San Francisco beginning April 25 already indicate that all California, particularly Northern and Central California, will share in the responsibilities of hospitality.

American friendship and good will are perhaps the most important factor in the welfare of many naeions. This cordiality will be judged by the representatives from the rest of the world from the welcome they receive, not alone in San Francisco, but in the other parts of the state through which they thavel. It must be assumed that these representatives are men of wide interests and great curiosity about the American people. They will doubtless be in contact with American groups which originally came from their own nations.

The magic name of California will be heard the world around in allied, neutral and enemy countries. What is done to make the delegates feel the sincerity of our desires for world harmony and friendship during the next few months will be recorded indelibly in the minds and hearts of these delegates, and through them, on the spirit of all peoples. This responsibiliey of California is great.—Contributed.

GOOD OMEN FOR BAY UNITY

The naming of the new San Francisco bay area council is an augury of good will among once competing central California communities.

Some San Frandisco delegates suggested "Golden Gate area council." Mayor Roger D. Lapham's choice was just "bay council." But Oakland's Mayor John D. Slavich, backed up by Robert Ashe, east bay labor leader, held out for using "San Francisco bay area council" because, they said, "San Francisco in the title means something."

If wartime problems and headaches have had no other good effect, they have at least aroused the 12 counties touching on bay tidewater to their need for interdependence and cooperation and to the realization that San Francisco is their good neighbor.—Contributed.

TAHOE AREA HAS 657 BOY SCOUTS AND CUBS

The Boy Scouts of America, although a movement for boys from nine to eighteen years of age, in its cubbing, scouting and senior programs of air scouting, explorer scouting and sea scouting, has as its genius a great group of volunteer leaders and sponsoring institutions such as churches, service clubs, the groups of citizens, parent teachers associations, etc. In the Tahoe area council there are 200 volunteer cubbers, scouters and senior scouters, including thirty five ladies who serve as den mothers in cubbing.

Key men serving youth on the firing line are Cubmasters, Hudson Hatch, Pack 3001 sponsored by the 20-30 club; Joseph N. Grigg Pack 3002 sponsored by the Nevada Grammar School PTA; Elmer Stevens Pack 3003 sponsored by the Grass Valley Hennessy School PTA; Pack 3004 with Charles Hayden and Jack Flynn in charge sponsored by the Colfax Lions Club and Pack 3007 with Walter Gregg as cubmaster sponsored by the Roseville Vernon Street School PTA. Scoutmasters in the area are John Hughes, Troop 2, Grass Valley, Elks Lodge; Troop 3 George Mirrill Auburn Lions Club, Troop 4, Jack Furneaux sponsored by the Grass Valley Lions club; Troop 6, Al Bates sponsored by the Hydraulic Parlor Nevada City Native Sons of the Golden West; Troop 7, R. N. Swett sponsored by the Truckee American Legion; Troop 9, Howard Snelling sponsored by the Penyrn fire department; Troop 10, Fred Knudsen sponsored by the Pacific Service Employees Association; Troop 11 Philip H. Leak, sponsored by the Roseville American Legion Post; Troop 12, Earl Gates sponsored by the Loomis Men's Club; Troop 14 F. Sayre Huntting, sponsored by the Roseville Lions Club; Troop 18, Rev. D. W. Thompson sponsored by the Lincoln Rotary Club; Troop 19, James Keeler sponsored by the Auburn Rotary Club; Troop 22 Jack Prigley sponsored by the Grass Valley Rotary Club; Troop 24, Gordon Vance sponsored by the Nevada City Rotary Club; Troop 30, Worth I. Lawson sponsored by the Roseville LDS church; Troop 32, Francis Jolley sponsored by the Grass Valley LDS church; Troop 34, Raymond Brett, sponsored by the Downieville Lions Club. Senior units SSS, Emigrant, Francis McKinney, skipper, sponsored by the trustees of the Placer Union high school and college.

The far flung area which covers Placer, Nevada and the western portion of Sierra county is divided into four major districts. Grass Valley with Gilbert Tennis as chairman; assisted by committeemen H. L. Houser, H. J. Nile, Charles Plumtree, Lynn Kelly, Laurence Farrell. Nevada City, Nevada City, Truckee, Downieville, with Rev. Cedric Porter as chairman, assisted by committeemen Leland Smith, Judge G. L. Jones, Guerdon Ellis, and Horace Curnow; Placer foothill, Auburn, Colfax, Penryn and Loomis, with E. V. Cain as chairman assisted by committeemen John Rafferto, Dorse Hite, Guy Brundage, Bert Vasche, Carl Martin, T. W. Johnston; Roseville Lincoln district with Lou Poulson as chairman, assisted by committtemen John Bell, Dr. L. W. Empey, Edward Jeffery, J. W. Hanson and L. T. McConnell. Tsese men are in charge of one of the six operating committees functions in their respective districts such advancement, camping and activities, health and safety, finances, leadership training and organization ad extension.

December 1944 found a total of 657 boys enrolled in cubbing, scouting and senior scouting, with 250 voluntter leaders including den mothers. The annual report and the charter application for 1945-46 as forwarded to the home office in New York showed tat a gross total of 1065 individual boys and men were affiliated with the movement in the Tahoe area during the last year.

In setting its 1945 objectives the organization and extension committee headed by Harold Chastian, has taken into consideration that a quality as well as a quantity job should be done—that every boy should have a happy and worthwhile experience in the program under responsible leadership. Objectives, if reached, will show that on December 31 there will be 22 troops including senior units with 500 registered, 7 cub packs with 225 registered cubs with 270 volunteer leaders including den mothers serving these boys as unit leaders. committeemen, counselors etc.

STATE PLANS FOR MILES OF FREEWAYS

Based on intensive studies of California's existing and future highway needs, a comprehensive plan for construction of a state wide system of freeways and limited access highways has been placed before the legislature.

This plan, the work of the California major highway development committee, authorizes the construction of 2700 miles of rural urben limited access roads, and approximately 600 miles of freeways in the state's seven metroloplitan areas. The system, as proposed in the pending legislation, would comprise two main north and south arteries; coastwise and inland, extending from the Oregon to the Mexican borders; and seven lateral highways, connecting with transcontinental routes.

The major objective of the program is to provide for unimpeded flow of traffic, both rural and urban, combined with maximum safety for the motorist. The system will be built to meet present and anticipated highway needs, with controlled exits and entrances; and where necessary, grade separation structures, physical barriers between opposing streams of traffic, barriers such as embankments or structlres to guard against lateral interference roadside plantings, and other approved features of modern highway design.

To finance the project, an increase of 1 1-2 cents per gallon in the gasoline tax is proposed. The proceeds from this will be earmarked for construction of the new limited access system, but those counties for which no freeways are planned will receive their proportion of the fund, allocated on the basis of motor vehicle registration, for improvements of state highways within their boundaries.

Recommendations of the California major highway development committee, resulting from a year's study of state highway needs, have been embodied in senate bills 756 and 757; and companion assembly bills 1350 and 1351. The committee is composed of three represenatives each from the California state automobile association, ehe automobile club of Southern California, the California state chamber of commerce, the county supervisors association of California and the league of California cities.

The San Francisco opera house, probable scene of the United Nations conference is the only municipally owned opera house in America.

BIRTH

McGUIRE—In Grass Valley, Nevada County, March 14, 145, to Mr. and Mrs. Carlos McGuire, a daughter.

Indian Baskets of California Willed to U. C.

LOS ANGELES, March 19—One of the largest private collections of Californiana, the Cowan manuscript groups of 6000 pieces has been acquired by the library of the Los Angeles campus of the University of California, it was announced today by Librarian Dr. L. C. Powell.

Containing many items dating to the 1840s and 50s the collection represents a combination purchase and gift. Half of the group was donated to the university by Robert C. Cowan son of the late bibliagrapher and collector.

Among the manuscripts included are business and personal papers of such California figures as Leidesdorff, Folsom, William Heath Davis, and B. D. Wilson. Subject matter includes Sonora colonization, the conquest of California, organization of mining and water companies, land litigation and business and politics.

The lebrary on the Los Angeles campus already owns the 8500 piece Cowan book and pamphlet collection which it acquired several years ago for $50,000. The manuscript collection is expected to supplement the published works at many points.

U. C. Savant is Named to Research Board

BERKELEY, March 19—Dr. E. O. Lawrence, professor of physics and director of the radiation laboratory on the Berkeley campus of the University of California, has been appointed a member of the newly organized research board for national security according to word received by President Robert G. Sproul.

Chosen to organize and admiister a forward looking program of research in scientific matters pertinent to national security the board consists of ten army officers of general rank, ten naval officers of flag rank, and twenty civilians from the fields of science, engineering, and industry. The civilian members were afpointed by the president of the National Academy of Sciences at the request of the secretary of war and the secretary of the navy, and the military members of the board have been nominated by these secretaries.

"The board will be concerned with the advancement of science and the development of techniques in those directions which may have profound influence on the conduct of future warfare" according to Dr. K. T. Compton, chairman. "It should be one of the significant factors in maintaining that degree of future preparedness which will help to insure this country against attack, and which would equip it to conduct a future war with a maximum degree of effectiveness and a minimum loss of life and of economic cost in case, unhappily, another war is forced upon it."

Collection of Manuscripts Goes to U. C. L. A.

BERKELEY, March 19—A collection of Indian handicraft, numbering over 3000 pieces in all, has been willed to the University of California by Mrs. Grace DePue of Jackson, announces Edward W. Gifford curator of the Museum of Anthropology on the Berkeley campus.

The gift, which will be known as the Blair memorial collection, honors Mrs. DePue's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Blair, pioneers of Oakland.

Mrs. DePue spent 35 years assembling the collection. The bulk of the gift consists of 2400 baskets, most of which were made by California Indians. Other items included are blankets, mortars and pestels, implements of war, Navajo rugs, pictures and sketches depicting Indian feathered headdress, statues, Aztec jars, Yuma and Hopi pottery, and books dealing with Indian artifacts.

While most of the pieces are from California, there are also items representative of the Southwest, North Pacific Coast, Plains, Great Lakes and Mexico.

Rare Specimens of Birds Given U. C. Museum

BERKELEY, March 19—Dr. Alden H. Miller, director of the museum of vertebrate zoology on the Berkeley campus of the University of California, has returned from Columbia, South America, where he collected bird specimens in the upper Magdelena valled for the research collection of the museum.

This section of the valley, which superficially resembles certain parts of Arizona and New Mexico, has never been collected in before, Miller says. He brought back 470 specimens of birds, many of which are primitive relatives of North American types. To illustrate he says the piculet is a primitive woopecker, an the ant wrens are primitive perching birds.

The purest Spanish spoken in South America is said to be that of Bogota, Colombia.

HERMAN WENZKE TRIAL TOMORROW

Herman Wenzke, manager and barkeeper of Beacon Hill Lodge, will go to trial tomorrow on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of minors.

Wenzke, was arrested January 14 by Deputy Sheriff Tom Dolley of Truckee, while a party of apprixi-mately 30 high school students of Sacramento were making the lodge their headquarters during a snow sports excursion near Donner Summit. He pleaded guilty to selling liquor to minors before Justice of the Peace C. E. Smith in Truckee and was fined $250.

Indictment by the Nevada County grand jury followed in a few days on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of minors. Last month Wenzke appeared before Referee E. A. McDonald of the State Board of Equalization to show cause why the lodge liquor license should not be revoked. Four Sacramento youths of high school age then testified they had purchased drinks from him. McDonald has submitted his report to the board.

The liquor license stands in the name of Elmo B. Morino and Robert B. Leando, both now serving in the armed forces.

PRESIDENT SENDS MESSAGE TO 4-H CLUBS

The president of the United States has issued this message to 4-H Clubs on the occasion of National 4-H Club Week.

"This year the nation again reviews with pride the war services of its 1,700,000 4-H club members. Wherever you 4-H members live and work and share responsibilities, there is convincing evidence of your wartime goals. Nowhere are these services more appreciated than among our fighting forces.

"Final victory of our armed forces is still to be attained. Your efforts must be carried forward with even more momentum in 1945. To this end may National 4-H Club Week March 3 to 11 result in a rededication by all 4-H club members of their heads, hearts, hands and health to full hearted endeavor in all that makes for victory. Such rededication is significant especially in the crucial war year 1945.

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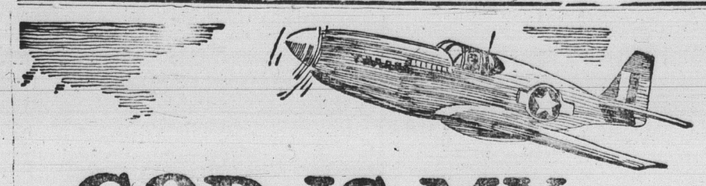

GOD IS MY CO-PILOT

By Col. Robert L. Scott

W.N.U. RELEASE

CHAPTER XXVI

We figured that some important announcement was about to be made, and out there in the hostel area everything was quiet. The amber liquid was divided among some forty men, and each of us got a few drops in a Chinese teacup—but it was enough for the ceremony.

The General grinned at us and said, "We've got the Japs worried now, we've hit everywhere except what he thought we'd attack. Tomorrow is the Day." We could hardly keep from cheering. But we held up our "brimming cups" and just said, "To you, General." The drops never tasted better.

That night, after the announcement, we closed the post and kept all men from going into town. This would cause talk in the right places. Colonel Cooper went into Kweilin and discreetly passed out the news that we were ready for the main attack. Somehow he arranged for just the right information to begin its round-about journey to the Japanese.

The seed had now been sown.

On November 27 the largest force of bombers we had ever used in China, escorted by the largest force of fighters, rolled down the runway at Kweilin. There were fourteen bombers, with twenty-two P-40's for escort. We had also left a strong force on the ground at Kweilin, just in case the Jap tried something while we were away. I led the headquarters section of the fighter escort and made up the reserve. My position in the escort would be three thousand feet above the bombers. Down below me a thousand feet was Johnny Alison with his flight of eight, on the right flank of Morgan's bombers. Colonel Bruce Holloway had the flight on the left flank, another thousand feet lower. Colonel Cooper was riding in the lead bomber as intelligence officer, and that day was going to demonstrate the teamwork that he had striven for, between the fighters and the bombers.

Cooper had been so anxious to accompany our raids that he seemed keenly disappointed whenever other duties interfered. He was threatening today to take over one of the turrets in the lead bomber and shoot down the first Jap. I joked with Coop on the way to our fighters that morning, and told him that we in the fighters were so glad to have him along that we were going to let one Jap through, just so he could shoot it down and get the pilot's ears for his little boy. We laughed as we separated.

The large formation—large for us in China—assembled over the airdrome and took a course North in the direction of Hankow. We wanted reports from other spies in Kweilin to get started, for this mission was planned mainly to get the Jap Air Force into the air where we could get at it. We usually evaded towns as we began our attacks, but today we went low over Kweilin, and then to the North. When we were beyond the prying and ready ears of any spies, we turned to a direct heading for Hongkong.

Now we climbed above high overcast to twenty-thousand feet, and settled down for the three hundred miles ahead. In fifty-five minutes the clouds began to break and scatter, and we approached enemy territory with a cloudless sky and perfect visibility. Over to the right now I caught the glint of the sun on the junction of the three rivers that meet near Canton in a figure like a trident. Far ahead I saw the hills of Hongkong Island and the ever-present fog banks out in the Pacific.

We crossed the East River that led down to Canton, and the bombers turned ninety degrees to the right, away from Hongkong—and we swept towards Canton. For again we were going where the enemy were not expecting us. The General was about to outguess the Japanese as always.

I could imagine the small aerial screen over Hongkong watching and waiting, while on the ground at Kai Tak in Kowloon, on Sanchau Island, at Tien Ho and White Cloud in Canton, the enemy Zeros were waiting to take off after we had passed Canton, to come and get us over Hongkong or to intercept us on the way home. We bored in towards our targets—shipping on the East River at Canton and at Whangpoo Docks. We had special reports that two freighters were unloading new Zeros and spare airplane engines at Canton that morning.

Just South of Tien Ho airdrome, we split the bomber formation, and one of the fighter echelons went with each of the three bomber flights, each with an assigned target. My flight stayed with the lead bomber formation, and I saw our target, an 8,000-ton freighter surrounded by many lighters, there in the river. The smoke from the single stack was lazily going straight up. Morgan's bombardier was bending tensely over his bomb-sight now, keeping the cross-hairs on the target. I knew the A.F.C.E. was flying the lead bomber as we went on the straight bombing run towards our target.

I saw the string of bombs bracket the freighter perfectly, and later photos showed four direct hits from the first flight. The lighters around the doomed vessel were blown high and in all directions. Down to our left, Holloway, escorting the other flight whose target was a freighter, saw the vessel hit, then saw the smoke. Alison had his fighter force with the third flight; they had already bombed the docks and were fighting Zeros from getting to the bombers. I heard the bomber commanders call that bombs were away, and give orders to close the bomb-bay doors. As we wheeled over our targets, turned from West to North, and started home, I heard Morgan call "California," which was my signal that he was on the way home with the big ships.

Then, under the lead flight of bombers, I saw the enemy fighters coming up and I knew we had them. All the enemy planes were below us, climbing steeply for the bellies of the bombers. They had waited on the ground too long, had waited for us to pass Canton and go on to Hongkong. Now we had every advantage. General Chennault had foxed them again, and I had an idea that we were in for a profitable day.

I called directions to the Group as the bombers closed up and I started down. Alison was even now shooting down Zeros around the last formation of bombers. Holloway called to one of his elements to take the climbing Jap ships and return to formation. We were fighting this battle like a business, and we were going to keep together until every bomber was safely on the way home to lunch at Kweilin.

About four thousand feet under the leading three bombers I could see the first of the steeply climbing Japs. As I dove closer I could even see the white smoke rings that formed in front of his wings, and I knew from experience that he was firing his cannon at the bottom of the bombers as he climbed. The Jap carries in his wings smaller guns that have tracers: he gets these on his target, then shoots his cannon. As I took this first enemy ship, I had one moment of panic: it seemed

The Flying Tiger of the AVG jumps through the Chinese Sun and tears Jap flag.

very close to Morgan's lead ship—maybe I couldn't get to it in time. Then my dive took me right up above the Zero, between him and the bomber. I held my fire until the last two hundred yards, and shot the Zero down with a two-second burst. It exploded within a hundred yards of the ship in which Colonel Cooper was—he confirmed it for me later. But as I pulled up and looked for the next enemy ship, I recalled that I had almost made my joking threat too good. For the Jap had got too close to the bomber in which the Chief of Staff was riding.

My wing man stayed with me and we fired on the second Zero together. I could see his tracers coming from my right. I closed in with a full-deflection shot and held a burst ahead of the next enemy ship. He climbed on up towards the bombers and flew right through my tracers. His ship turned in a slow, almost too deliberate half-loop, stalled out, then dove straight down. At first I thought that I had fired too far in front of him and he'd turned to evade the fire; then, as I watched the speeding ship go straight into the hills between Tien Ho field and White Cloud, I knew I had shot the pilot. The ship did not burn until it crashed.

I fired at six Japanese fighters so fast that I didn't see what happened to any of them. You get a snap shot and then the Zero is gone, rolling over, or you're turning for another one, or you're getting your nose down to make sure that you never lose your speed and too much altitude when you're fighting those highly maneuverable ships.

One other I saw trailing smoke as he rolled over, but I didn't get to see him catch fire or crash. The bombers had outrun our dog-fight and were going down-hill fast for Kweilin. I heard Morgan call that chow was on, and I knew he considered his bombers safe. I called and told Captain Goss to escort the bombers to base.

The others of us broke away looking for straggling Japs. I took my flight over towards White Cloud airdrome, where ack-ack was so heavy that it was just about making the sky black. I guess I must have thought of Lieutenant Daniels—for I dove. I hadn't heard a single P-40 call for help; so I was fairly confident that we had won the battle. My wing man must have got lost in my dive, for I went down towards the anti-aircraft pretty fast.

From the altitude at which I had started my dive I couldn't see what was on White Cloud field, but as I pulled half out of the four-hundred-mile-an-hour dive over the hills South of the airdrome, I saw an airplane. It was a big ship, which I soon saw had three engines. The door was open, and I think men were hurrying to get in or out. Two cars were driving away from the ship. Even at my speed I tried a burst at the tri-motored Junkers 52, but I saw the tracers go short, and when I got closer I coud see the dust far to the left of the target. My speed was so great that I couldn't hold enough pressure on the rudder steadily for accurate shooting. But I must have gotten a few tracers in, for as I swept low over the ship it seemed that dust was churned up all about.

Turning low, I came back for a better shot. The ack-ack was so thick that I nearly forgot and turned back. After all, that which I could see had already exploded, and if I wasn't hit yet I was as well off one place as another. My burst caught the engines of the transport, which I could see now were running. Uniformed passengers were jumping out of the door. I turned steeply and fired on the door, then into the fuselage. The ship was smoking, and the engines had either been shot up or had been cut off, for they had stopped.

My engine missed several times, as it had done from some poor gasoline earlier in the flight, and I decided to let well enough alone and get away from White Cloud. Keeping just about down in the rice, I went straight North to the river. With the engine missing every now and then. I spent a miserable few minutes that seemed like a year until I got out of Jap territory. "Dammit," I told myself, "I always do some fool thing and wind up in these attacks coming home solo." I always hated to think of an engine failing and of myself captured near a Jap field that I'd just strafed. Especially where I'd just shot up a transport-load of "brass hats."

In thirty miles I crossed the Wen-Kiang and was in friendly territory. I heard Holloway call that he'd slipped up on a twin-engine Jap I-45 that had been trailing the bombers home and had shot it down. I laughed, for Bruce was always getting to slip up on some luckless Jap and blow him up. Several weeks before, we'd kidded him about two Jap biplanes he'd shot down in Indo-China. Everybody said they were going to let him paint half a flag on the side of his ship to represent the victory—and besides he was going to have Vichy France mad at him for shooting down those Frenchmen, and he'd be sure to get a letter from Washington to answer by endorsement. Later it came out that the ships were flown by Japs, and that they were being trained in these ships in Indo-China. It was just kidding, anyway, for Bruce Holloway was one of the most eager pilots in all the world and was running up a good score.

I landed at Kweilin, and while I counted the holes in my plane I watched for the last of the fighters to come in—half trying to count the twenty-seven holes from the ground-fire around White Cloud and half trying to sweat all the twenty-two fighters back. All the bombers were in and were being serviced and bombed up again. Eighteen fighters finally came in, and we worried until we got word that the other four were at another field and would be back later in the afternoon.

We made our reports to the General and we knew he was pleased. Out of 45 Zeros that had come up for us over Canton we had shot down 29 that were confirmed. Alison had stayed back there for twenty-five minutes and definitely had seen that the two freighters loaded with Zeros and engines had been sunk. The nature of the cargo was eventually confirmed. Three weeks later we dive-bombed the salvage parties that were diligently trying to raise the sunken freighters. Evidently there had been something very valuable to the Japanese on the two big vessels.

We went on back to Kunming. Sometimes I wonder if the Jap ever did find out where General Chennault was going. Years after maybe they'd still be flying that patrol over Hongkong, waiting for the attack that we were supposed to make.

As we carried out the long missions into Burma in the days that followed, I thought about how the spirit of our air warfare had changed from what I had heard about and read of the last World War in the air. There had been an element of knighthood depicted in that first struggle in the skies. Now I thought I knew why.

Back there the pilots had been carefully hand-picked. They were the adventurous, devil-may-care hotbloods, like those boys who had been the Confederate cavalry in the War Between the States. More than likely when they fired at another pilot and then saw that their victim's guns were "jammed," they may have "saluted" and dived away, unwilling to destroy the helpless enemy. But this was a different type of war, against a race of fanatics, who had been repressed for so long in their warped minds that they were barbaric madmen.

From what I had already seen, I knew that the Japanese soldier and the Japanese war machine were not out merely to beat us in war—they were out to EXTERMINATE US, even to the extent of killing our pilots whom they captured as prisoners. And we knew that this had been done even in April of 1942. We learned of it again after the Hongkong raid. They would never give up—they had gone all-out in a war to the bitter end. There was no romance about it. We knew that if we were shot down and were not killed in the crash, or if we were captured, we would most certainly be tortured and executed. That's why all of us never considered the element of capture. Get out of the crash-landing shooting, we always said.

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RATION CALENDAR

GASOLINE

A14 coupons valid for four gallons each through March 21. A15 valid for four gallons beginning March 22. B5 B6 B7 C5 C6 and C7 each good for five gallons.

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Periodic passenger tire inspections have been discontinued. Periodic inspection of truck tires is required. Tire replacement inspections on R1 application form are required when applying for all tires.

PROCESSED FOODS

Book Four: Blue stamps X5 Y5 Z5 and A2 through S2 now valid for ten points each. More stamps will be validated April 1.

Expiration dates: March 31—X5 Y5 Z5 A2 B2.

April 28—C2 through G2.

June 2—H2 through M2.

June 30—N2 through S2.

MEATS, FATS AND OILS

Book Four: Red stamps Q5 through Z5 and A2 through J2 now valid for ten points each. More will be validated April 1.

Expiration dates: March 31—Q5 R5 S5.

April 28—T5 through X5.

June 2—Y5 Z5 A2 through D2.

June 30—E2 through J2.

SUGAR

Book Four: Sugar stamp No. 35 valid for five pounds through June 2. Another stamp will be validated May 1.

SHOES

Book Three: Airplane stamps No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 valid.

Tobiassen Is Vice President of Sheriffs Association

Sheriff James J. McGrath of San Mateo county on Friday was elected president of the California Sheriff's Association to succeed Sheriff Jess L. Elliott of Orange county.

Sheriff Carl J. Tobiassen of Nevada county was named vice president and Sheriff Robert Ware of Imperial county was selected as sergeant at arms. Undersheriff A. C. Jewell of Los Angeles county was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Attorney General Robert Kenny told the sheriffs that civil rights of Japanese Americans returned to California from relocation camps must be protected.

He blamed recent disturbances involving Japanese on "Jap baiters, hoodlums and professional inciters of violence."

The navy's new ordnance depot and training ground on the Mojave Desert is larger than the state of Rhode Island.

FARM AUCTION BUYERS GIVEN OPA PROTECTION

All farm auctions of government surplus property by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation or its subsidaries under War Food Administration auspices will be subject to price ceilings, Gilbert McNeil, Sacramento district OPA director has announced.

As a further protection to farmers and other buyers, maximum prices of all items to be offered for sale must be posted at the auction site except where value of single or similar items exceeds $1000. Ceilings for items valued above $1000 are set in a regulation which does not require posting of maximum prices.

Sales of government surplus property where the price estimated to be obtainable for a single item, or substantially similar items, does not exceed $300 have in the past been exempt from price control. The change is most helpful to the individual buyer, director McNeil pointed out.

So that dealers cannot outbid consumers at these auctions on the same price level, the OPA plans specifies that no dealer can bid more than 75 % of the ceilings established for consumer buyers. Only exceptions are typewriters, used household vacuum cleaners and used washing machines, or which dealer's maximum bid cannot exceed the dollar and cent ceilings already established on sales of these three items to dealers. The percentage in these three cases is less than 75% applicable to other sales.

Scout Leaders To Meet Monday

L. H. Reynolds, chairman of the Tahoe area council camping and activities committee, has invited all fellow committeemen and scoutmasters and their assistants from Grass Valley and Nevada City to meet at the Henessy School, Grass Valley on March 19th at 8 p. m. for the purpose of laying plans and setting the dates for the council camporee at Lake Olympia during one of the latter week ends in May and to start things rolling for the summer session at Camp Pahatsi during August. Dates for the summer camp will also be set, based on a survey taken from all scoutmasters in the area. A good attendance is urged at this meeting which is scheduled to be one of the most important for scouting activities events during the spring season. The success of last years camporee while under the general direction of the camping and activities committee, was largely due to the unstinting efforts of H. J. Nile, Grass Valley district camping and activities chairman, and Harry Poole, Grass Valley district commissioner.

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Ray Gleason—

Ray Gleason EM 1-c and son of Mrs. Lydia Gleason of Prospect Hill this city is now stationed in Camp Parks near Livermore. He is an instructor in technical electricity. Ray served in the CBs over two years and saw action in the South Pacific. He was on the Admiralties at time he was returned to the United States and has been awarded the purple heart and presidential citation for wounds received in action. His wife resides in Oakland.

Verne Gleason—

Verne Gleason, mechanic junior grade, in U. S. Navy is now somewhere in the South Pacific with the navy. He has been in the service two years and at Christmas time returned from the Bermudas to the Pacific Coast.

Elwood Farnsworth—

Elwood Farnsworth, pharmicist mate first class, has written his parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Farnsworth of this city that he is feeling better than he has in the past two months. This is the first letter his parents have had from him in five months but he stated he had been on the move with the battles in the South Pacific. He stated he was now on board ship and has been in some pretty rough water.

Walter Huson—

Walter Huson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Huson of this city, returned to his work with the U. S. Merchant Marines several days ago. He has just completed a 30 day leave visiting his wife and son in Glenbrook and parents in Nevada City. Walter has been in the war zone in the South Pacific and seen considerable action.

Jean Gleason—

Jean Gleason, WAVE and yeoman second class will have been in service two years this coming July. She has been stationed in San Francisco a year in secretarial work. She is now home on leave and will go to Shoemaker, WAVE camp near Camp Parks, Livermore, distribution center. She will be sent to the Hawaiian Islands from Shoemaker.

Gene P. Morris—

With the lifth Army, Italy—Sgt. Gene P. Morris is a member of the 346th Field Artillery Battalion, which fired 1200 rounds into German defenses recently as Fifth Army doughboys took Monghidoro 25 miles south of Bolagno on the Italian front.

Sgt. Morris, whose wife, Mrs. Evelyn Morris, resides near Nevada City serves with this battalion.

Destroying tanks and self propelled guns and blowing up enemy ammunition dumps, the 346th poured out 126,000 shells from its 105-mm. cannon in the outfit's first 150 days in combat. The battalion fired as many as 4500 rounds in a day at Futa Pass, to facilitate the breaching of the Gothic Line by the 346th's parent organization, the 91st "Powder River" Division. The artillery battalion played a key role in the capture of Poggio, Pietramala and Loiano and has reached a point where its punch is being felt by Germans guarding approaches into the Po Valley.

The 346th silenced a German battery as it undertook its initial mission near Cecina last July 11. Alang the Arno river, the battalion kept Germans on the north bank in a state of confusion while infantry bridged the water barrier and established bases for the drive into the Gothic line.

The outfit's ammunition wasn't big enough to blast out the concrete fortifications of the hilltop village of Poggio, but the 346th laid down such an effective concentration that the defenders were forced to cower in their emplacements while doughboys moved into the town, dug out the Germans and took 200 prisoners.

The service battery of the 346th has been awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for outstanding service and performance of duty.

PERSONALS

Gustave E. Dimmen of this city has been reappointed official represenatative of the Potentate of Ben Ali Temple for 1945 of the Shriners.

PERS—

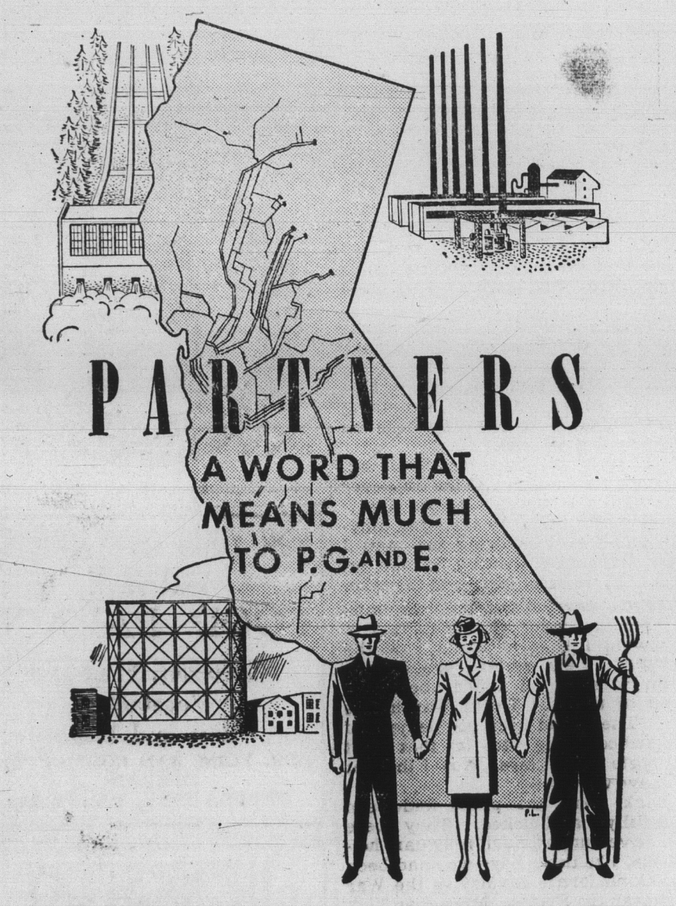
Mrs. Nelson Stone and two children of Camptonville stopped over in Nevada City Wednesday a short time while enroute to Santa Rosa to visit relatives. Her husband is fire control officer for Tahoe national forest at Camptonville and is now taking a special course in his work.

Mrs. John Odlog who has been visiting Mrs. Eva McKnight and daughter Mrs. LaMar Fleming, left Saturday for Chicago to join her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Odlog came from South America recently where he was in the employ of a mining company and in the same area as Mrs. McKnight's son.

Charles Elliott manager Harris Drug Store is ill in Miners Hospital.

Mrs. A. H. Tickell has gone to San Francisco to spend some time.

Mrs. J. J. Jackson, Sr., of Boulder street is confined to her home with a severe cold.



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This Company, serving gas and electricity to more than 1,750,000 customers in 46 of California's 58 counties, is largely owned by average "home folks" of modest incomes. There are 121,075 holders of P. G. and E. stock and of these, 103,000 or 85.3 per cent hold from 1 to 100 shares apiece.

The partner-ownership of P. G. and E. stock is typically Californian. It springs from the desire of small investors to place their savings in a California institution which with its predecessors, has been in business in this state for more than 90 years. It is an expression of their faith in the continued growth of the state and in an industry that aids and adds to prosperity.

29,000 or 24.1 per cent of these small "savings account" holdings are from 1 share to 10 shares for each holder, and 74,106 or 61.2 per cent are from 11 to 100 shares each. Only 640 stockholders own 1,000 shares or more.

Widespread ownership of our stock by "home folks" means much to this Company. It means a common interest between the Company and those we serve. It is YOUR Company, giving you gas and electric service at rates far below the national average.

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Millions share with P·G·and·E·

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Civic Club Undertakes Repair of Firehouse No. 1

Plans of the Nevada City Civic Club for repairing and restoring the firehouse of Nevada Hose Company No. 1, on Main Street, have received the enthusiastic approval of the Nevada City Fire Department.

In a letter to Mrs. Merle Morrison, chairman of the club committee charged with this project, Fire Chief Vernon Sandow and Miles D. Coughlin, secretary write: "We believe that your plan of repairing the foundations and the upper structure of the old bell tower of No. 1 firehouse has the unanimous approval of all members of the fire department.

"We believe that the historic buildings of Nevada City are not only a source of pleasure to those of us who have inherited the work of our predecessors in Nevada City as firemen and citizens,, but are a valuable asset to the city generally from the standpoint of tourists and newly arrived residents."

Services Held for Late Mrs. Moser

Funeral services were held today at 11 a. m. under direction of Holmes and Myers Funeral Home, at East Lawn, Sacramento, for Mrs. Della Ellen Moser, resident of Town Talk, Nevada County, who died in Sacramento Thursday night. The services were conducted by Rev. J. A. McAuley, pastor of the Bethel Presbyterian Church. Cremation followed.

Mrs. Moser, a former resident of Sacramento, had been living on Town Talk with her son, J. J. Blomdale for several months. Ten days ago she became ill and for treatmen was taken by ambulance to Sacramento where she succumbed. She was a native of West Virginia, aged 69 years.

Surviving are her sons, J. J. Blomdale, Richard Blomdale in the U. S. Maritime service, Carl Blomdale of London, Canada and Lieut. Harry Blomdale of the U. S. Army in Europe. She leaves a brother, Earl Bison of West Virginia.

Drive to Collect Clothing for European Destitute

A drive to collect clothing for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation administration will open in Grass Valley April 1 to 30. The drive is backed by the Rotary, Lions, Business and Professional Women's Clubs, American Legion and Auxiliary, and Elementary and High School Parent Teacher Associations.

G. T. Tennis, superintendent of Grass Valley schools, is chairman. Collection boxes will be placed in the stores, schools, and other spots where clothing bundles may be deposited.

Miss Jackie Arbaugh Weds Robert Carr Jr.

Miss Jackie Arbaugh of Glenbrook, and Robert Carr Jr., of this city were married Saturday in Reno. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Loren Williams, close friends of the couple.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arbaugh and is the manager of a large grocery store in Nevada City. She expects to continue in that capacity.

The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Carr of this city. He served in the U. S. Air Corps for 16 months, but received a medical disharge a year ago and has since been employed in the Miners Foundry here. The couple will make their home in this city.

Two Women Hurt in Unusual Accident

Mrs. Edna Eder and Mrs. Agnes Merton, employes of Bret Harte Inn in Grass Valley, were injured Saturday afternoon, while assisting in balancing large pieces of plaster borad, so that a window cleaner could pick up some curtain rods behind them, next the wall.

The slabs fell and struck the two women upon their legs. Mrs. Eder suffered a broken leg near her knee, and ligaments torn in Mrs. Merton's leg. Both were moved by ambulance to a local hospital where they were treated by Dr. Vernon Padgett.

Standards of weights, measures and length vary all over China.

NAMES OF TOWNS IN CALIFORNIA HAVE A MEANING

California town names have many origins. Some are Indian, some Spanish, some memorials to pioneers some descriptive. With the thought that newcomers and old timers alike may be interested in knowing how our cities and towns received their names, we shall publish from time to time a few of these chosen from Northern and Central California. Requests for special identifications will be welcomed.

San Benito: For St. Benedict, the founder of the Order of Benedictines.

Los Gatos: From the Spanish for the cats, referring to the numerous wildcats of early days.

Alviso: For Ignacio Alviso, a member of Anza's party of colonists in 1775.

Point Reyes: Spanish for point of the kings—meaning the Three Wise Men of the Bible, since ie was discovered on their day.

Colusa: For the Ko-ru-si a nearby Indian tribe.

Modesto: Spanish for modest—so named when W. H. Ralston refused the honor of having the town named for him.

Aptos: From an Indian word meaning meeting of two streams.

Livermore: For Robert Livermore, first English speaking settler in the Santa Clara Valley, in 1822.

Gas Tax Income Shows Increase

SACRAMENTO, March 15—Gasoline tax assessments of California oil companies for January are $362-603 more than they were for the same month a year ago. a gain of 9 per cent.

The State Board of Equalization made known this revenue increase today, following completion of the January tax assessments amounting to $4,301,879, based on distribution of 143,395,984 gallons of motor vehicle fuel. It is a loss in revenue of 5.63 per cent over December 1944 during which month tax assessments totaled $4,544,170.

At the same time it was disclosed that California use fuel taxes, measured principally by consumption of diesel operated trucks and buses, yielded during the first month of the current year $132,887, a gain of over 16 per cent for the same month in 1944, but only 2 per cent over December 1944. On January 1, 1945 vehicles using diesel fuel for California operations numbered 5738, approximately 2000 more than any other states.

Mrs. Lillian Kingham Will Be Borne to Rest

Funeral services will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Hooper and Weaver Mortuary chapel for Mrs. Lillian Margaret Kingham who died in a San Francisco hospital Friday night. Interment will be in the Whiting family plot in the city cemetery in Grass Valley.

Mrs. Kingham, a native of Grass Valley aged 60 years. went to San Francisco last September shortly after receiving dispatches stating that her son, Lieut. Lloyd Kingham, in the U. S. Air Corps had perished in action somewhere over Germany.

Surviving her are her son Alfred Kingham, two grandchildren, Bruce and Rita Kingham, and brothers and sisters, Mrs. Alice Hooper, Los Angeles, Mrs. Henrietta Ducotey, Mrs. Lorena Lew and Will Whiting, all of Grass Valley, and Samuel Whiting of Berkeley.

Collision on Colfax Road Ties Up Traffic

Traffic was tied up for a short time during the snow storm Saturday afternoon on the Colfax-Grass Valley Highway near the Baker Poultry Farm when Carl Buimester, a Peardale farmer in his car collided with a truck driven by Clarence Cunningham of Grass Valley.

The California Highway patrol reports that Buimester suffered two long gashes in the head. He was treated at the Community Hospital. One cut required six stiches, the other ten.

Cunningham was unhurt but a little girl, Lione Anlonovitch, 11, to whom he was giving a lift, was projected against the windshield and suffered a cut over her eye.

The highway patrol states Buimester was driving on the wrong side of the road. It is proposed to question him further.

DIVORCE

RUTHERFORD—In Nevada City, Nevada County, March 16, 1945, William Peter Rutherford vs. Lillie Marie Rutherford; complaint filed, desertion.

Clinic April 9 for Crippled Children

The annual free diagnostic clinic for crippled children for Placer, Nevada and ElDodaro counties will be held April 9 in the women's gymnasium at Placer College, with Mrs. Florence Nelson, school nurse, as the coordinator.

Dr. Donald King of the Stanford Hospital will be in charge of the examinations which will extend from 9 a. m. until noon and from 1 p. m. until 3 p. m.

Appointments must be made with Mrs. Nelson in Auburn. She states they can be made now either by writing her or by telephoning her.

The state bureau of public health school superintendents of Placer, Nevada and El Dorado counties, and Placer College officials are cooperating to make this year's clinic possible.

Placer College Easter Closing

Placer College and Placer Union high school will close for the Easter vacation on the afternoon of March 23, and will resume instruction on Monday, April 2. The school term will end May 31 at Placer College and June 1 at Placer Union high school.

High school commencement exercises are scheduled for June 1. They will feature student speakers to be selected by a faculty committee. The Agard Streee gymnasium will be the location.

Transamerica Shows Income of $16,241,340

The annual report of Transamerica Corporation released by chairman of the board, A. P. Giannini, shows net profit for the corporation and all domestic subsidaries for the year 1944, after provision for taxes and minority interest, of $16,241,-340.06 or $1.63 per share on 9,935-650 shares outstanding at the year end, compared with net profit of $15,492,716.27 in 1943, or $1.55 per share on 9,982,000 shares outstanding at December 31, 1943.

The profit for 1944 is exclusive of $4,126,498.93, or 41 cents a share, representing the estimated value of tobacco received in liquidation of the Axton-Fischer Tobacco Company in excess of that company's cost and credited to deferred income pending realization by sale.

During 1944, according to the report, 46,350 shares of Transamerica Corporation stock were acquired and retired to the corporation's treasury.

Capital stock and surplus, it was shown, totaled $94,083,599 at December 31, compared with $87,115,-066 the year before.

BENEFIT OF RED CROSS

Esther Rebekah Lodge will this evening entertain residents of Grass Valley and Nevada City at a card party in the Odd Fellows Hall, Grass Valley at 8 o'clock.

The party is for the benefit of the Red Cross. More than 20 prizes are offered for high scores and a number of home baked cakes will be distributed during the evening. Refreshments will be served at a small charge at the close of the playing.

SALADS BECOME NATIONAL FOOD FAVORITE

Culinary history may chronicle us the "salad century" for it's only of late years that the glistening of good salad dressing on the green leaf is year round style.

The lovely freshness of lettuce, the crunchy verve of uncooked vegetables, the sunny flavor of raw fruit and now salad fashion right around the calendar, not to be denied because the winter wind doth blow. Lucky us to have these sprightly salad essentials winter through, instead of having to fare as did grand mother on root vegetables alone in the winter season.

Dressing Does the Trick

Count, too, among modern salad blessings that good mazola salad oil that borrows its golden perfection from the tender corn gernels from which it is made. Another good reason why this may be the "salad century" mazola blends with all the condiments and fillips of flavor to make dressings delicious as the salad ingredients they grace.

Thre parts mazola to one part vinegar is the simple success formula for perfect French dressings—and who could function for a whole year of salads without a fail proof French dressing? Add seasoning to your mazola vinegar base—dry mustard, paprika, pepper, salt—to suit your own taste.

Easy to vary you can have many changes to dress your daily salad once a fine French dressing is mastered. To your basic French dressing, add chopped hard cooked eggs; minced green pepper; chopped and cooked beets for three twift and simple dressing changes. Adding catsup or chili sauce to your French dressing adapts it for vegetable salad. Adding a tart jelly gives you a fruit salad dressing. Adding chives or chopped pickle suits your salad dressing to fish. It's a saladeers' century—make the most of it.

BORN

GORTON—In Grass Valley, Nevada County, March 14, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gorton, a daughter.

CRANFORD—In Grass Valley, Nevada County, March 9, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cranford of Colfax, Placer County, a daughter.

KIVISO—In Grass Valley, Nevada County, March 10, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kivisto, a daughter.

CARTWRIGHT—In Grass Valley, Nevada County, March 13, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cartwright, a son.

ANDERSON—In Grass Valley, Nevada County, March 13, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. Ricey Anderson of Colfax, Placer County, a son.

BOOKER—In Grass Valley, Nevada County, March 7, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. James C. Booker, a son.

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